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WASHINGTON, May 19 -- General Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, advocated today the strengthening of United States military forces "to meet the possibility of irrationality."

General White clearly referred to the conduct of Premier Khruschev at the summit conference in Paris, though he did not name the Soviet leader during his testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Defense.

"I have testified before that the military budget is adequate to prevent a rational attack upon us," General White said, "but to meet the possibility of irrationality I think we should beef up our deterrent strength.

There has been a change. More missiles would certainly be more insurance. I have seen evidence in Paris recently that irrationality could enter into the plans of a nation.

Meanwhile, sources on the Senate Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery disclosed that it expected to examine what happened at the top ievel of Government here during the crisis over the downing of a U-2 spy plane in the Soviet Union as a "timely case study."

These sources stressed that they would not seek to investigate the U-2 affair as such but as part of the broad inquiry that has been going on for several weeks and will be resumed next Tuesday.

Brig. Gen. Robert Cutler, former Presidential side on national security affairs, will be the lead-off witness. Others will include Secretary of State Christian Herter and Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates.

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, was described as planning to deal with the U-2 affair in the most abstract terms as an esample of policy operations and to avoid any charge that he is making a partisan investigation.

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Another official said he was certain that regardless of whether Congress investigated the U-2 affair, the White House would order its own investigation to see where the Covernment coordination had gone afoul in public announcements about the apy plane.

This official saw United States' difficulties as one of top-level coordination. Notable among the observations at the Defense Department were the repeated insistences of Air Force men that they had nothing to do with the operations of the spy plane, although it had apparently been attached to an Air Force weather observation unit.

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